Tail of the Moon

Chapter 54

TAIL OF THE MOON EXTRA: TODAY'S MISSION

"I WANT TO SEE USAGI AS A MAID!"

-AKIHABARA, YAMANASHI PREFECTURE

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Back then, I had extracurricular activities, so I would swim three kilometers after school every day. I also attended cram school twice a week and was even learning calligraphy and piano during the weekends. I had to cut my sleeping time in order to draw my manga. Basically, the time I had to draw manga was very precious to me.

I hadn't made my debut yet but I had an editor who would take a look at my manga and fix certain areas before it was submitted to a magazine. This happened to be a very stressful thing for me.

And the reason for that was

BUT ISN'T IT YOUR FAULT FOR TAKING SUCH A PRECIOUS TEA BOWL OUT HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HOW CAN I POSSIBLY CALM DOWN ..
YOU CAN TELL LORD NOBUNAGA THAT I DROPPED IT AND BROKE IT OR SOMETHING
WELL...
LORD NOBUNAGA IS GOING TO BE VERY ANGRY IF YOU JUST IDLE YOUR TIME AWAY HERE.
HURRY BACK.
ER.. EXCUSE ME!!
BUT IF HE SAYS THAT, THEN YOU'LL BE PUNISHED.
I'M USED TO THAT.

WHAAAAT?!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS NOISE?
...IT WON'T BE ENOUGH EVEN IF YOU SELL THIS DIRTY SHOP OF YOURS!!
HOW.. HOW MUCH IS IT?
I CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON A TEA BOWL GIVEN TO ME BY LORD NOBUNAGA, BUT...
ODA CLAN RETAINER MITSUHIDE AKECHI
MITSUHIDE!!
I CAN HEAR YOUR VOICE FROM OUTSIDE, SADANARI
OHH..
THIS GIRL BROKE THE TEA BOWL THAT I RECEIVED FROM LORD NOBUNAGA!

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WHAT HAPPENED?!
I WAS SO SCARED...
GOEMON
SO...
THIS RANMARU GUY DIDN'T NOTICE IT WAS YOU, DID HE?
I'M STILL SCARED..
AND WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET OFF ME?!
DON'T BE SUCH A BABY
OWW!
I WILL.
YOU SHOULD STAY INSIDE STARTING TO-MORROW, USAGI.
RANMARU THINKS I'M HANBEI'S WIFE FROM OKAZAKI!!
YOU JUST NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME.
OW.
BANG
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING ME!!
BOW
I...I'M ALIVE ..
HAHAHA, IT'S NOTHING.
ARE YOU OKAY, MITSUHIDE?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!
IF RANMARU'S HERE AT THE CAPITAL, THEN ..!!
I CAN'T REST EASY YET!!
I GUESS THERE ARE SOME NICE PEOPLE AMONG NOBUNAGA'S VASSALS...
OH!

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...BUT IT'S HEAVILY GUARDED WITH NOBUNAGA THERE, SO I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SNEAK IN THAT EASILY.
I TOOK A LOOK AT HONNOJI...
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE THE DUMPLING SHOP.
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?
NOT EVEN ONE YET...
YOU COULDN'T SELL ANY?!
WE'RE GOING TO GO IN THERE..?
THAT'S OUR JOB, ISN'T IT?
HEY, SO HOW MANY DUMPLINGS DID YOU SELL TODAY?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU, GOEMON.
WHY ARE YOU SO COLD TO ME?!
HAVE I DONE SOMETHING WRONG?!
THEN WHY..
WAAAAH.
NO YOU HAVEN'T, USAGI.
NOBUNAGA IS AT HONNOJI AS WE SPEAK!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW.

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LET'S GIVE IT A TRY
THIS DUMPLING SHOP SEEMS REALLY POPULAR
THEY'LL BE HERE IN A MINUTE
WHERE ARE OUR DUMPLINGS ?
COMING!
WAITER, COULD YOU REFILL MY TEA?
WE'RE CURRENTLY HANDING OUT NUMBERED TICKETS, SO PLEASE WAIT UNTIL YOUR NUMBER IS CALLED!
MA'AM...
OH, NO.
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO'S CUTTING?!
HEY! STOP CUTTING IN LINE
HEY, PRETTY GIRL, WHY DON'T YOU DROP BY AND HAVE ONE?
STEP RIGHT UP, STEP RIGHT UP!
THE DUMPLING SHOP "USAGI" JUST OPENED, SO WE'RE HAVING A SALE TODAY.
ME TOO... ♡
TMP TMP TMP
I'LL BUY ONE..
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SELLING SO MANY, BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S MAKING THEM, Y'KNOW!
USAGI, ARE THE DUMPLINGS READY YET?
ROLL ROLL
SNIP
YES, OF COURSE!
THIS DUMPLING DOESN'T LOOK VERY GOOD, BUT IT TASTES GREAT.
COULD YOU HAVE TEN OF THEM WRAPPED UP FOR ME TO TAKE HOME?
The tea's delicious too.

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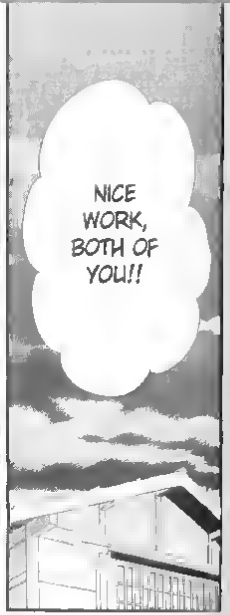

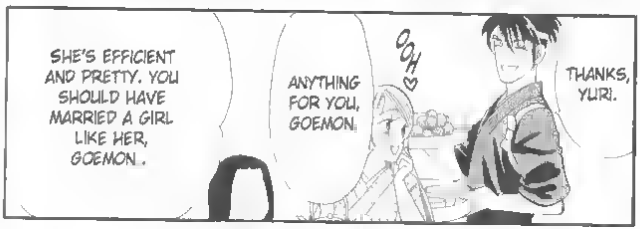

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BOO!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS THE ONE WHO GETS GOEMON'S ATTENTION?!
THIS IS SO FRUSTRATING!
AAAH
YURI I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOMORROW
BUT...
YURI..
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
YES, SIR! ♡
GOEMON
I'LL BE BACK.
DON'T WORRY.
SHHHK
OKAY...
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR HIM SMILING AT YOU JUST NOW?!
HE'S BEEN REALLY MEAN TO ME LATELY...
GOEMON WASN'T GIVING ME ATTENTION...
I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO A STUPID PERSON LIKE YOU ANYMORE!!
HUH... WAS HE SMILING?
...
ZZZ

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USAGI..
I'VE GOT BIG NEWS.
THREE DAYS LATER
A...A MESSENGER FROM HONNOJI JUST CAME AND ASKED US TO DELIVER THEM SOME DUMPLINGS!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HONNOJI...
YOU SHOULD GO TO HONNOJI AND INVESTIGATE THAT PLACE.
WHAT?
I WANT TO MAKE HANZO HAPPY TOO...
...WITH ALL MY MIGHT...
SHIK
HANZO...
I WONDER WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW?
"...AND MAKE YOU HAPPY, USAGI."
"I WILL SURVIVE THE COMING HARD-SHIPS..."

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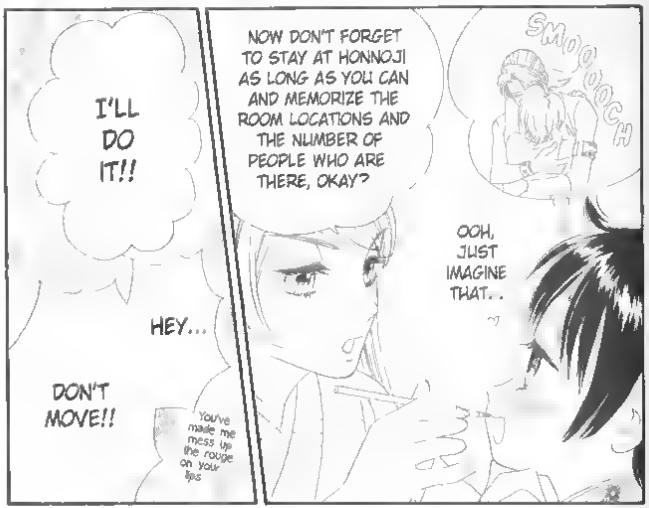
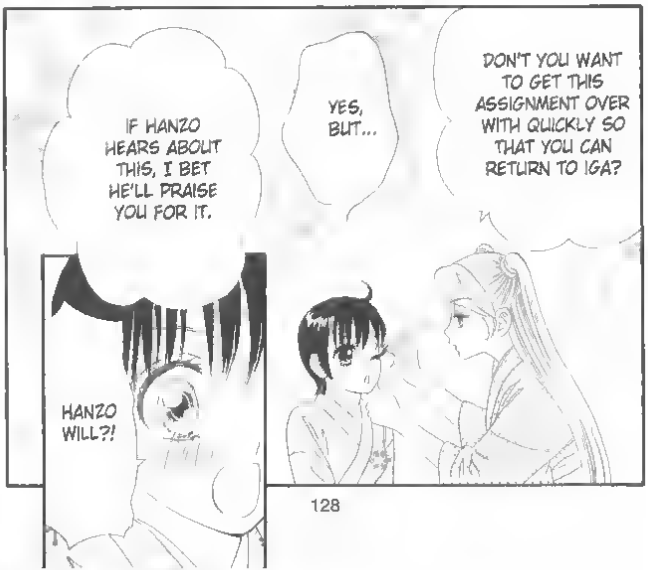
...THAT MY LOVELY BRIDE-ELECT FULFILLED!!
WHAT AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISH-MENT. .
I CAN'T BELIEVE USAGI DID A RECONNAISSANCE OF HONNOJI!!


I'LL DO IT!!
HEY...
DON'T MOVE!!
You've made me mess up the rouge on your lips
NOW DON'T FORGET TO STAY AT HONNOJI AS LONG AS YOU CAN AND MEMORIZE THE ROOM LOCATIONS AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE, OKAY?
SMOOOCH
OOH, JUST IMAGINE THAT. .

JUST DISGUISE YOURSELF SO THAT HE WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU. ♪
...RANMARU MIGHT BE AT HONNOJI...
BUT...
PAT
DISGUISE?!
YOU GO, YURI.
NO WAY!
I HAVE TO SERVE THE CUSTOMERS AT THIS SHOP.


IF HANZO HEARS ABOUT THIS, I BET HE'LL PRAISE YOU FOR IT.
YES, BUT...
DON'T YOU WANT TO GET THIS ASSIGNMENT OVER WITH QUICKLY SO THAT YOU CAN RETURN TO IGA?
HANZO WILL?!

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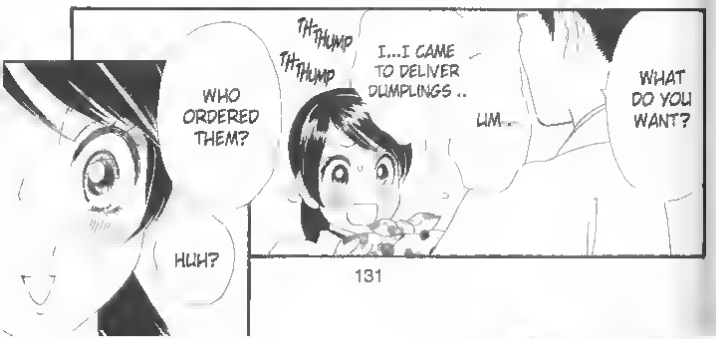

WELL, YOU HARDLY HAVE ANY CHARM SO I HAD TO MAXIMIZE WHAT FEW ASSETS YOU HAVE.
ISN'T THIS A LITTLE TOO SHOWY?
OW!
SLAP
JUST MAKE SURE YOU FULFILL YOUR ASSIGN-MENT.

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